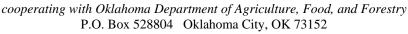
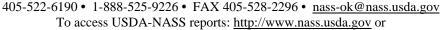
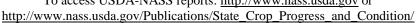
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Mild Temperatures Remain in the State

Oklahoma producers continued to welcome the mild weather last week. Temperatures averaged in the low 70's for all districts except the Panhandle which averaged 66 degrees. Small amounts of rain were recorded across the State, but the moisture was a nice relief for most of the major crops and pastures. Some producers had begun planting small grains while others were still waiting on additional moisture to begin planting. Topsoil and subsoil moisture showed improvement from last week, however. Subsoil moisture conditions remained mostly in the short to very short range. Some of the reports arrived before the weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
This Week	28	27	41	4			
Last Week	34	27	36	3			
Last Year	10	36	53	1			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT						
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus		
This Week	52	31	16	1		
Last Week	56	33	10	1		
Last Year	13	28	58	1		

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for small grain crops were moving ahead as more producers were beginning to plant. Some wheat producers were sowing their fields, while others were applying fertilizer to prepare for the upcoming planting. Producers were predicting wheat seeding to be in full swing by next week. Rye planting jumped 19 points from last week, while wheat planting was running slightly below normal at 9 percent.

Row Crops: Major row crop conditions in the State did not show much improvement if any from last week. Corn, sorghum, and soybean conditions declined from last week. Corn remained mostly in the excellent to good range and sorghum remained in the good to fair range. Soybean conditions dropped from last week with most of the crop in the poor to very poor range. Some producers in major soybean counties were harvesting their dryland soybeans for hay. Cotton conditions showed little movement from last week. Corn harvest reached the half-way point with the crop maturing only slightly below normal at 65 percent. Sorghum headed had reached 92 percent, while 7 percent of the crop had been harvested. Soybeans at pod set and maturity were 10 and 3 points behind normal, respectively. Forty-three percent of the peanut crop had reached maturity. Cotton with bolls opening was at 29 percent, 9 points behind normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 10, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	16	16	20	12	36
Peanuts	2	14	42	40	2
Cotton	23	31	30	16	0
Sorghum	13	18	29	29	11
Soybeans	34	27	28	10	1

Hay: Alfalfa and other hay conditions continued to improve from last week's pleasant temperatures and rainfall. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa jumped 16 points from last week with fifth cuttings lagging 14 points behind normal at 11 percent. Other hay second cuttings progressed slightly at 60 percent, 13 points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT							
Week Ending September 10, 2006							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Alfalfa	28	26	30	13	3		
Other Hay	41	30	19	8	2		

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions remained in the poor to very poor range, but conditions did improve from last week. Pastures were greening up and continuing to grow from the recent moisture and mild temperatures.

Livestock: Cool temperatures and rainfall continued to help improve livestock but conditions remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Ponds remained low and were still a concern among producers in the State. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$123.98 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$114.04 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 10, 2006

week Ending September 10, 2000							
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent		
Livestock	15	31	39	11	4		
Pasture & Range	35	35	20	9	1		



OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending September 10, 2006 Last Last 5 - Yr This This Last Last 5 - Yr Item Item Week Week Year Week Week Year Avg. Avg. Wheat -Soybeans -79 79 76 91 57 80 90 Seedbed Prepared 66 Setting Pods Planted 2 11 14 Mature 34 30 37 37 8 14 15 Harvested 4 Rye -Seedbed Prepared 69 55 71 81 Peanuts -40 Planted Mature 43 32 43 24 5 29 25 Oats -Cotton -**Bolls Opening** Seedbed Prepared 59 59 29 22 38 62 56 22 Corn -Alfalfa -Mature 65 52 64 67 4th Cutting 76 60 91 77 5th Cutting Harvested 50 44 37 42 11 4 48 25 Sorghum -Other Hay -92 89 91 91 2nd Cutting 73 Headed 60 55 69 Colored 63 55 66 66 Mature 21 25 37 26 Harvested 7 2 11 19

Weather for Week Ending September 10, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 47 degrees at Beaver on Wednesday, September 6th to 94 degrees at Sallisaw and Wilburton on Sunday, September 10th. Precipitation averaged 0.08 inches in the Southeast district to 0.64 inches in the West Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 67 degrees at Tipton on Monday, September 4th, Erick on Wednesday September 6th, and Kenton on Friday September 8th to 85 degrees at Clayton and Durant on Sunday, September 10th.

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Week Ending September 10, 2006 Temperature Precipitation September 1, 2006 to September 10, 2006 **Districts** This High Low Average Departure from Percent of Week Total Normal Normal Inches Inches Inches Inches Degrees Degrees Degrees Panhandle 78 56 66 0.32 1.04 0.41 166 West Central 82 59 70 0.07 0.64 1.08 107 1.46 Southwest 83 71 0.44 0.33 129 61 0.70 North Central 83 59 71 0.21 -0.35 67 84 60 53 Central 72 0.42 0.72 -0.6585 -0.92 37 South Central 73 0.41 0.53 61 85 59 72 0.20 0.21 -1.38 13 Northeast 59 18 85 72 East Central 0.29 0.29-1.36 Southeast 73 0.08 0.09 -1.44

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